

Local Sailors Speak to Retired Aviators

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Sailors stationed in the Pacific Northwest spoke at a meeting held by the Olympic Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) at Port Ludlow, Wash., April 17.

Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Roderick Jessie of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Kevin Scales of NAS Whidbey Island, and Sonar Technician Submarine 1st Class Matthew Hendl of USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) (Blue) described life in today's Navy and how it has developed since the members had retired.

"I loved being in the presence of so much history," Jessie said. "They said they were honored for us being there, but I think we were the ones who were honored."

Members of the squadron took interest in finding out things such as how email has taken a major role in communications today, or how large the female-to-male ratio is on ships.

Retired Capt. John S. Payne, commanding officer of the Olympic Squadron, arranged for the uniformed guests of different specialties in the Navy to answer any questions the Olympic Squadron would have for them.

"It was great, everybody got a lot out of it," Payne said. "I think we learned more from these first classes petty officers about air warfare, submarine warfare, and surface warfare, and other things about the Navy than when we have admirals come speak to us."

Members of the Olympic Squadron meet every third Tuesday of the month to share their similar enthusiasm for the military and their past experiences while on active duty. Most meetings have



Photo By MCSN Brandon Wilson

Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Roderick Jessie speaks during a meeting of the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) at Port Ludlow, Wash. The ANA consists mostly of local retired military members who hold monthly meetings which usually include guest speakers.

military guests invited to come talk about how things are now in the service. Payne described the general idea of the monthly meetings as a good source of education and camaraderie amongst retired military personnel.

"The majority of members have been out of the Navy for 20 to 30 years, and they want to know how things have developed," Payne said. "We amplify the importance of military aviation and overall military presence to the community."

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Lincoln Sailors Volunteer at Local Hospital

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Five Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) volunteered their time April 14 to visit with patients at the Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

The trip to the hospital, called "Project White Hat," gave the Sailors

an opportunity to spend some time with their community.

The volunteers spent over two hours in the play room of the hospital playing with the children.

The most popular activity was decorating the white hats or "Dixie Cups" donated by Lincoln Sailors to give to the children. With fabric markers, the children were able to decorate the hats

to make each their own.

"It was exciting and rewarding to play with the kids," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class Sol Benavides. "I wish we had more hats to give them."

"I liked coloring the hats the most," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Christian Blanco. "I had fun

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According to Jessie, combining both cultures is a way of "bridging the gap between the old Navy and the new Navy." Gatherings such as those held by the ANA have given current service members and former service members the opportunity to tell each other how the military has changed over the past decades, and how it has also stayed, and will stay the same.

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Pathfinder Leaves Viewers Lost

By MCSN JOSEPH SCARBERRY
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Quick, violent raids formed up a majority of *Pathfinder*, with the Vikings attacking "heathen" Native American villages in early America, long before its "discovery" by Columbus. Despite this, the movie was quite uninspiring with poorly scripted, stereotypical dialog. With approximately 200 mumbled words in the entire movie, they filled the extra time with "oof", "ouch", and "golly, that hurt!"

Keith Urban, in the role of the main character, Ghost, was lazy, to say the least. His ability to portray his character was a bore, as he lazily strode through the forests. Supporting actress Moon Bloodgood, in her role as Starfire, was also uninspiring. A few typical "words of wisdom" from her, and a nearly believable romance with Ghost was all we got from her.

If you care for historical accuracy, this isn't the movie to see. Viking helmets were adorned with horns, making them look bestial. This isn't to say they didn't look good; quite to the contrary. They looked amazing.

The art direction in the film was a bit unusual. There were several scenes of high angles on mountains and valleys in between the action. They looked beauti-



ful, but seemed completely out of place. With all of those useless "pretty" scenes removed, it would have shortened the film by at least 10 minutes.

As far as the action sequences go, they were dictated by shaky cameras, quick and bloody decapitations, and severed arms flying in every direction.

Overall, the film was of poor quality. It left so much to be desired and it was lacking in everything a typical movie-goer would enjoy seeing.



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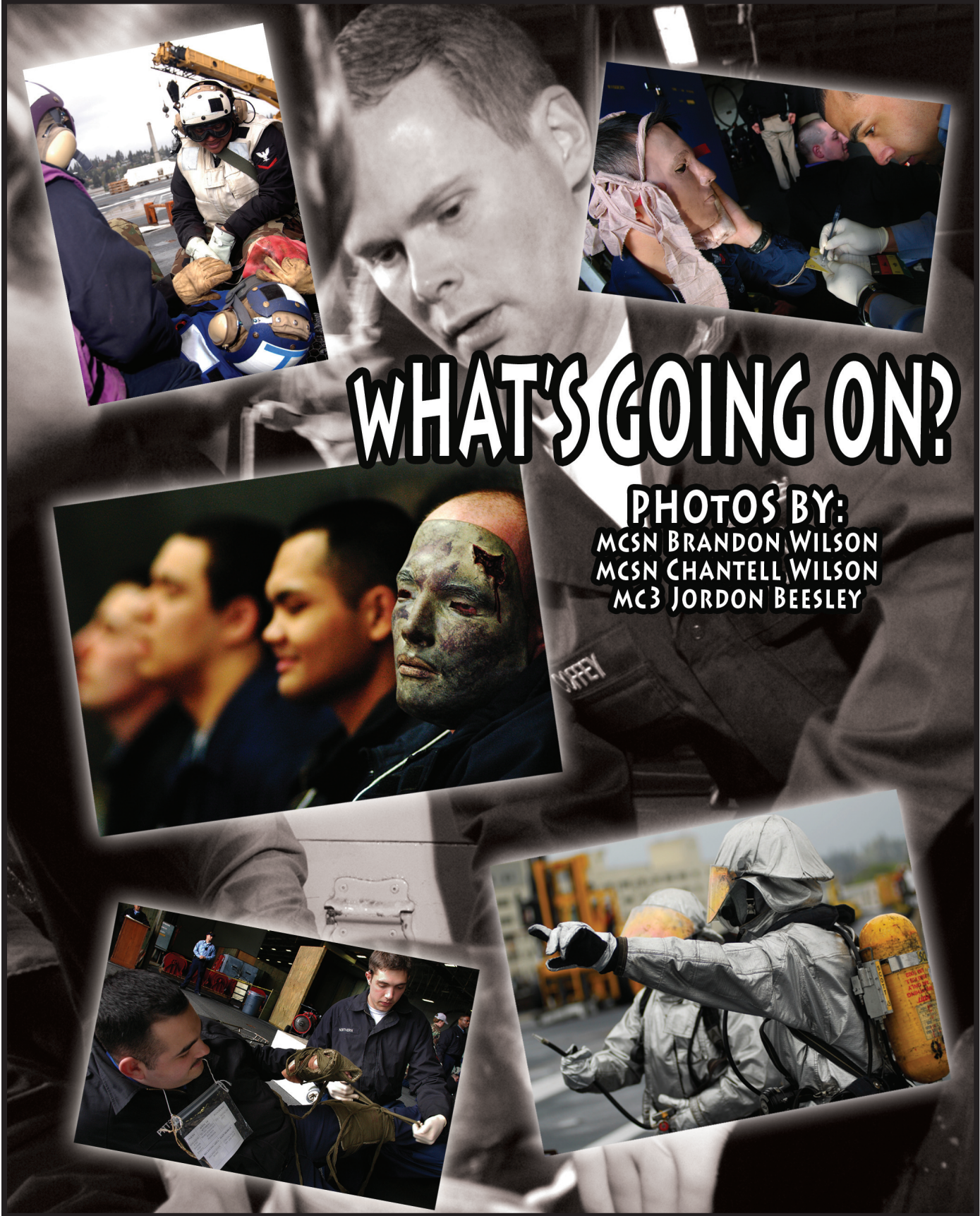
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playing games with the kids also, but they all seemed to really enjoy drawing on the hats."

The Sailors also did other activities like arts and crafts with the children, as well as played board games, read to them and answered their many questions about life in the Navy.

"I thought it was a lot of fun," Blanco said. "The kids were great and friendly. This is the first time I've done a COMREL in a children's hospital, and I was really happy with the experience. Even though the kids are going through really rough times, they had really good attitudes about everything."

COMREL projects like this one are a great opportunity for Sailors to get out in the community and help out. It's not only rewarding for the Sailors, who feel like they have done something good, but for the people they meet.

"It gives the ship a good image," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class James Pace, coordinator for Project White Hat, "but in the end it's always for the community, and in this case it's for the kids. They get the most out of this."

"I was really surprised when I found



Photo By MCSN Kathleen Corona

(From left to right) Fire Controlman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Jonathan Crelly, Operations Specialist 3rd Class Melissa Mandell, Fire Controlman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Christian Blanco, Fire Controlman 3rd Class James Pace and Fire Controlman 3rd Class Sol Benavides volunteered their Saturday morning to spend time with the patients at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in Seattle. The volunteers did arts and crafts and played games with the kids.

out that the Lincoln didn't have any programs like this already," he said. "I got the idea from doing it while I was in Great Lakes, Ill., so I called the hospital to see what programs they had. They told me the Army and local firefighters had volunteer programs there, but not the Lincoln."

This was Lincoln's first trip to the hospital, but Pace said he hopes it won't be the last.

"I will be giving the hospital a call to schedule another visit soon, and I am also working with the children's hospitals in Tacoma and San Diego," he said. "I am making sure that Project White Hat becomes an on-going project."

If any Sailors aboard Abe would like to donate a white hat, or learn more about Project White Hat, they can contact Pace at J-dial 7119.

Welcome Aboard USS Lincoln

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)

would like to welcome the following Sailors on board:



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ANTON, JASON STEVEN AC1
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BLANKENSHIP, ANTHONY LEE ITSR
BOWEN, JOSHUA GRANTAO1
BRUNO, BRIANA THERESA AZAN
COFFER, DAVID ALLEN DCFN
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FERREIRA, JOSEF REYKALOI HTFA
FIRKINS, TIMOTHY JAMES IT2
FISHER, DANIEL WILLIAM ABE2
FULLER, FRANK ANDREW MM2
GABONA, NINARICCI AUSAN ET3
GALARZA, LAURA JANET HN
HALL, LECK III HT1
HANTZ, DAVID ISAMAN MMFR
KIEL, JABOREE PIERE DCFN
LOKAN, JERALD PHILIP ENFR

MANGUCHEI, CHARLES JAVIER SN
MARSHALL, WILLIAM CLIFTON HM1
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VARGAS, ALBERTO PINEDA JR SR
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Local Stories

Abe Sailor Takes Next Step in Naval Career

By MCSN KATHLEEN CORONA
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Five years ago a headstrong Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling 1st Class came to USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) to work in the hangar bays and on the flight deck.

Through hard work and serious dedication, Christopher Miller made his way up the ranks. At breakneck speed, Miller was able to make chief petty officer and senior chief petty officer. Then Miller was promoted again, becoming an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

The commissioning ceremony was held in Hangar Bay 2 onboard Lincoln April 12, Miller became an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

"Being a limited duty officer is a unique part of naval service," said Lt. Charles Ardinger, master of ceremonies for the commissioning. "They have the wisdom and knowledge needed to get a job done while having the position and authority to get it done."

According to Ardinger, a "Mustang" or an officer who was once an enlisted Sailor, lives by the motto "I did it the hard way. I earned it."

During the ceremony, many people had things to say about Miller's service and dedication to his job.

"There are 341,000 people all committed to serving our Navy," said Lincoln's Air Boss Cmdr. Brad Margeson, "but I'm only going to focus on one."

"You understand what it means to *carpe diem*," Margeson said in his speech to Miller, "You know what it means to seize the day."

Margeson's speech wasn't only directed towards Miller, but also to his parents, who attended the ceremony.

"Mom and Dad, you set the first stones in place – a foundation – for him to become the leader he is," he said. "Thank you for



Photo By MC3 James Evans

Ens. Christopher Miller recites the oath of office with Cmdr. Paul Erickson, Weapons Officer (Gun Boss) on USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), during Miller's commissioning ceremony in Lincoln's Hangar Bay 2.

knowing how to make him into a leader."

After the speeches, Miller's two daughters, Megan and Ashley, helped to pin on his new ensign collar devices.

In Navy custom, Miller then bought his first salute from an enlisted Sailor, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling 3rd Class (AW) Louis Schubert.

According to the custom, the first enlisted service member to salute a newly commissioned officer is given a silver dollar. From then on, the new officer must earn the rest of their salutes through responsibility and leadership.

"In the last five years I have grown," Miller said. "I have worked hard and I have made sacrifices. I can't believe this is finally happening."

"I have been waiting for 15 months for this day to come," he said. "Now, I really just want to get on to the next challenge."

Miller is leaving Abraham Lincoln to join the crew of the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) as the assistant flight deck officer.

What's in Store for the CTMs Aboard Lincoln

By MCSN KATHLEEN CORONA
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The needs of the Navy are always changing. For four USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors, their lives are about to change as the Navy disestablishes the cryptologic technician Maintenance (CTM) rating.

"On the ship, we are responsible to maintain the proper working condition of the two whip antennas and the col-

lections equipment in CTM workspace the Ship's Signal Exploitation Space (SSES)," said Cryptologic Technician Maintenance 1st Class Kenneth Rowett, divisional leading petty officer for the operational specialist division. "We also assist the other cryptologic technicians with maintenance when needed."

With the disestablishment of the CTM rating slated for fiscal year 2008, Abe's CTMs are being offered

the chance to cross-rate into a new job field.

According to Force Master Chief Jeff Vandervort of the Naval Network Warfare Command, the skills CTMs have don't cleanly align into just one rate, which is why the Navy is providing every CTM the opportunity to select a new career path.

"Since there is no one job that can take over our job, our responsibilities

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Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo by MC3 Jordon Beesley

Hospital Corpsman Jeremy Maddox, of Medical Department, treats a smoke inhalation victim during a mass casualty drill in the Hangar Bay of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln held ship-wide exercises as part of the Command Assessment of Readiness Training (CART) being conducted in preparation for the ship's return to operational status following a Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability period at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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on Lincoln are slowly being transferred to the information systems technicians (IT) and the electronics technicians (ET)," Rowett said.

CTMs with a naval education code for IT or ET skills are recommended to cross rate into those ratings, Vandervort said.

"It is not limited to just the IT or ET rates," Vandervort said. "If CTMs want to try something other than those two ratings, the doors are open."

According to Rowett, everyone aboard Lincoln has been very cooperative and supportive as the CTMs go through this transition.

The CTMs aboard Lincoln have a difficult decision to make for their futures, Rowett said.

"All we know is that we must act now to make sure we're not forced

into a rating that isn't right for us," Rowett said.

"I haven't been a CTM for very long," said Cryptologic Technician Maintenance Seaman Ren Minutola, one of Lincoln's CTMs who is thinking about cross-rating into cryptologic technician collection (CTR). "I'm kind of sad that I'm going to have to cross-rate. At the same time, I'm kind of excited about getting the chance to learn another job in my first enlistment. I'm excited to become a CTR."

The skills of the Navy's CTMs will still remain very important, Vandervort said.

Long after the rating is gone, the jobs CTMs do will still need to be done. Even though the rating badge may change, they will still have the opportunity to do the same work.

Editor's Top 10

Things to do during PORSE

10. Quiz the MM's about the weather.
9. Look for navigational hazards off the bow.
8. Rotate and don't radiate
7. Flash Dance in your flash gear.
6. Set yoke, rinse, repeat
5. Hook up all the treadmills and stairclimbers to the turbine generators.
4. Bring happy back to "Happy Hour."
3. Take pride in being someone's shipmate.
2. Send in that work order you've been holding off on.
1. Make preparations for entering port